

Vernes Lutheran Church News

February 2022

I am asking for input for the newsletter. Please tell me what you would like and what you really don't think needs to be in there. You can let me know with a note, a conversation, over coffee, a phone call at 218-368-6374, or an e-mail at rfinseth@hotmail.com.

If you see something else, you would like to try your hand at in church just come talk to me. We will try to accommodate any requests.

Let your voice be heard. We want to change it up a bit.



Dear Members,

Our church directory is available to view on your computer! Instant Church Directory - the program we use to build our church directory - has a member website.

Go to <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

You will be asked to enter your email address as it's listed in our directory. If your email address isn't listed in the directory, let **Diane Sundrud** or **Kathy Finseth** know so it can be added. Once you enter your email address, follow the directions on-screen to complete the create log-in process. After you sign in, you'll see the most up-to-date directory for our church. Any time updates are made, they will show on the Online Members' Website, too.

For more information about the members' website, go here: <https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/638-navigating-the-online-member-directory>

Information about security and privacy can be found at this link.

Thank you!

Diane Sundrud



If anyone would like an annual report emailed or mailed to them, please...
email Kathy at: rfinseth@hotmail.com
call or text 218-368-6374

FROM THE PASTOR



February 2022

Dear Vernes Family,

A song from the 60s sang the lyrics, "What the world needs now is love, sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of . . ." Still true, isn't it?

Jesus said the greatest commandment is, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. And love your neighbor as yourself."

We are created to love. When we truly love we reflect the image of God. We are created to receive love and to give love.

So, as we celebrate a month for lovers, I share ten thoughts and invitations about love." . . .

1. God is the Source of all love. Open your heart each day to receive His love. He is crazy about you!
2. Thank God each day for His love and all the relationships of love you enjoy. Tell Jesus "I love you" every day.
3. Who are the people in your circle of love? Do they know you love them? Why not tell them? Do you believe that they love you?
4. Who are the people you find difficult to love? Ask Jesus for the supernatural power to show love to them.
5. Love is more than a feeling. It's also a commitment to serve them. Who are you committed to love?
6. What's the difference between conditional and unconditional love? Which do our souls crave? Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to love others unconditionally.
7. How do we show love to an invisible God?
8. People said of the early church and the followers of Jesus, "Behold how they love one another!" Is this true for Vernes?
9. Strive to show love each day. Send a card. Speak an encouraging word. Pray for the LORD to bless them.
10. Love God. Love people. Who could you invite to church because you love Jesus and you love them?

Happy LOVE month! I love being your pastor.

In Christ's great love,

Pastor Lee



Movie Afternoons Are Back!!!

February 20 2:00 p.m.

March 20 2:00 p.m.

All are welcome!

Invite your neighbor!

Questions: Call Lynn at 218-791-7520



February 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 Confirmation 6:30 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Bible Study 10:15 | 7 *Jayden Lewis *Mavis Finseth | 8 *Renee Brekke | 9 Confirmation 6:30 Deacons meeting 7:30 | 10 *Shelby Long | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Worship 9:00 Communion Sunday School 10:15 Adult Bible Study 10:15 | 14 Valentine's Day  | 15 | 16 Confirmation 6:30 *Kylie Sollie | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Bible Study 10:15 Movie Matinee 2:00 Max *Gavin Olson *Bill Senn | 21 Presidents' Day  | 22 | 23 Confirmation 6:30 | 24 | 25 *Bob Jasinski | 26 *Karina Skaug |

*I am compiling a list of readers and prayer leaders.
If you would be willing to be added to either,
List, please contact me.
Kathy*

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| 27 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Bible Study 10:15 *Donna Peterson *Mark Sannes | 28 *Chris Boxum *Jenna Bergeson | Janitors: Rudy Finseth, Mark Lee, Bill Senn Readers / Prayers: 6 - Keith / Keith 13 – Diane / Diane 20 – Kristi / Pastor Lee 27 – Sid / Pastor Lee *Denotes Birthday | | | | | Acolyte's: Trevor & Chloe H. Acolyte's: Sydney T. & Chloe T. Acolyte's: Trevor & Chloe H. Acolyte's: Sydney T. & Chloe T. |

PRAYER TIME AT VERNES –

Prayer Schedule (Vernes members and friends rotating list):

Feb 6 Karina & Ryan Skaug; Nora

Feb 13 Darlene Sollie

Feb 20 Mark Sundrud

Feb 27 Ray & Lynn Sundrud

Chester & Connie Smeby

Larry & Carol Sollie; Keisha, Kylie Jo

Mike & Diane Sundrud

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- Healing for Vernes members and friends
- Sunday School/ leadership and teachers/confirmation/ church council
- Jennifer Albright; pray for God's light to lead her on the next venture.
- Country of Madagascar
- Global neighbors/ President Biden and staff/other leaders in our land and around the world.
- The Ukraine/ Russia situation.
- Pray for those persecuted for their faith.
- **Commit to pray for our nation and its leadership.**
- Military: Austin Sannes, Briana Finseth, Dusty & Lisa Halvorson, Zachary Olson-Burkman, Dawn Fick, Catherine Finseth, Mason Rominski
- Pastor Lee and Denise; As they settle into their home and community. Blessings!
- Praises to God for His presence - Who He is. Let us adore Him. **"I trust You Jesus".**

FEBRUARY

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God. . . .God is love." I John 4:7, 8

Group prayer: Jesus said "Again I say to you, that if 2 of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father in heaven."

Matthew 18:19

"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, there I am in their midst." Matthew 18:20

Amazing and powerful words to be pondered.

Our family (siblings, cousins, etc) has had several serious medical issues over the past year. We started a family group text of 20 people. It has been a wonderful way to communicate, support and encouragement to pray. The most "eye opening" is seeing God at work and growing spiritually together as we take the focus off of us and on to God. **Ask, if you would like to know more.**

Text or call prayer requests to Lynn @218.791.7520

Recipes

Trying something new again!! Let's try to have a new recipe every month! If you've tasted something new or have an old favorite. Let's try sharing them! I'll just keep collecting them and just take out of my "stash" every month. Everyone loves new ideas for main meals, desserts, salads, even sandwich ideas! Soups would be wonderful this time of year also! So, start turning those recipes in!!

This month's recipe is from: Darlene and Carol Sollie

Sweet Potato Bars

Cream together:

2 cups white sugar

2 cups brown sugar

1 cup butter (no substitute)

Add:

4 eggs, 1 at a time

1 tsp. salt

1 ½ cups flour

¼ tsp. cloves

2 yams (raw sweet potatoes-shredded)

1 cup chopped pecans

Spray a 9x13 pan or larger one if you want a thinner bar

Bake at 350 to 375 for 45 minutes

Frosting:

Powdered sugar and butter,

Add a little hot water to make it a little thinner

Excellent!!

I don't have a recipe for next month!

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We are sad to announce that Kristi and Brooke Tofstad have resigned as the monthly church cleaning service. They have done such a wonderful job. Thank you for your services!

So now we are in search of someone to replace this duo. If you would like to inquire about this position.

Please contact Lynn Sundrud at 218-791-7520, or a trustee (Les, Wayne B. or Larry S.)

**FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> \*\*\*MOVIE DAY\*\*\***

2pm at the church – ‘Max’ A 2015 film about a military dog that helped American Marines in Afghanistan and returns to the United States. He is adopted by his handler's family after suffering a traumatic experience.

Enjoy popcorn, fellowship, and a good movie.



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February 6!!!

We will be back in class at 10:15

Kelsey & Mavis will be waiting  
For you!!



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

**STARTING FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> @ 10:15**

**PASTOR LEE WILL LEAD A BIBLE STUDY ON  
THE "HEALING MIRACLES OF JESUS"**

**PLAN ON STAYING JUST A LITTLE LONGER FOR COFFEE**

## AND LEARNING A LITTLE MORE ABOUT JESUS.

IT WILL FOLLOW THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

### Updated 2022 Vernes Janitors

Some names have been switched around to accommodate the weather conditions and other factors for their special circumstances

Thank you to all the janitors! You do a great job!

|           |                                                 |
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| January   | Mike Sundrud, Scot Thompson, Wayne Schmiedeberg |
| February  | Rudy Finseth, Mark Lee, Bill Senn               |
| March     | Wayne Brekke, Sid Finseth, Wayne Schmiedeberg   |
| April     | Keith Sistad, Mike Sundrud, John Peterson       |
| May       | Scot Thompson, Ben Tofstad, Ordean Sundrud      |
| June      | Jeremey Finseth, Larry Sollie, Mark Lee         |
| July      | Rudy Finseth, Les Finseth, Barry Brovold        |
| August    | Ordean Sundrud, Ray Sundrud, Wayne Brekke       |
| September | Jeremey Finseth, Rick Bergeson, Barry Brovold   |
| October   | Ben Tofstad, Keith Sistad, Les Finseth          |
| November  | Sid Finseth, Bill Senn, Mark Lee                |
| December  | John Peterson, Larry Sollie, Rick Bergeson      |

#### Janitor duties:

- Greet guests
- handout bulletins
- shovel sidewalks
- light candles if acolytes are not present
- take offering
- touch up vacuuming
- bathrooms, fill toilet paper, paper towels, empty garbage, and fill soap containers
- ring bell before services
- change light bulbs or tell trustees
- reset clocks
- open all inside doors and long bi-fold doors, so the air can circulate
- turn off lights
- remove all garbage from the kitchen, bathrooms, and utility room

- lock doors

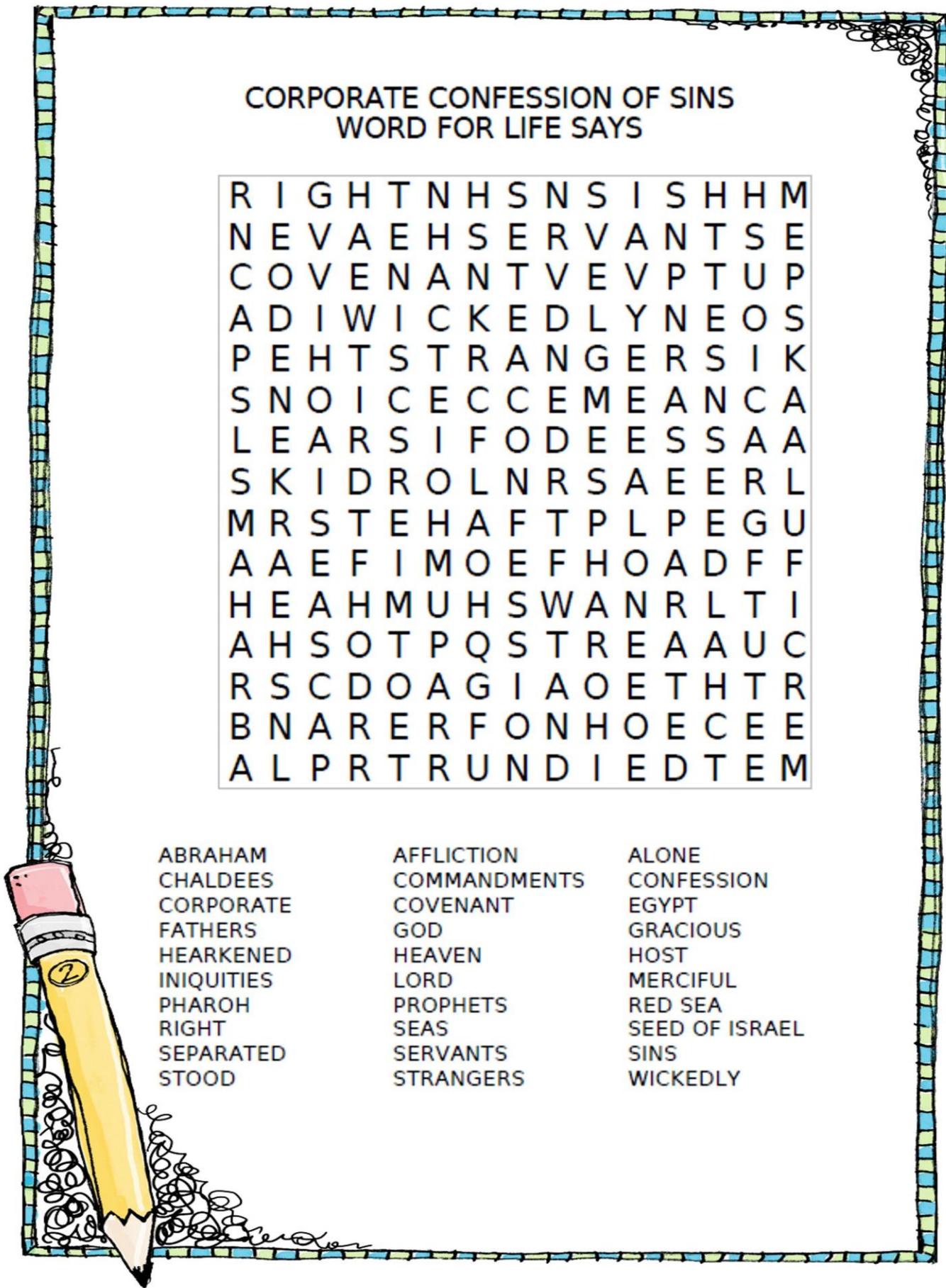
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WORD FOR LIFE SAYS

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